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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 29

1. WP (PAGE 2) "HILL APPROVES U.S. BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA."  
SENATE VOTED APPROVAL. SENATORS MANSFIELD, CULVER, AND  
SYMINGTON LED OPPOSITION, CULVER ARGUING HE SIMPLY ASKED  
FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON AN AGREEMENT AGAINST ARMS  
BUILDUP IN INDIAN OCEAN, BUT STATE DEPARTMENT HAD SAID  
IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO APPROACH USSR AT THIS TIME.

2. WP (PAGE 13) "THE HELSINKI SUMMIT: A DIPLOMATIC END  
TO WORLD WAR II" BY DUSKO DODER, DATELINED HELSINKI.

3. WP JOSEPH KRAFT COLUMN ASSERTS PRESIDENT FORD AND  
SECRETARY KISSINGER IN SUPERB NEGOTIATING POSITION  
BECAUSE HELSINKI SUMMIT HAS CONSOLIDATED CONSERVATIVE AND  
LIBERAL BLOC IN U.S. WARY OF COMMUNIST PEACE TALKS,  
STRONGLY SUPPORTING AN INSISTENCE ON POSITIONS FAVORABLE  
TO U.S. IN COMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, WHILE  
BREZHNEV NEEDS TO HOLD TO A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS LEADING  
UP TO PARTY CONGRESS.

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4. WP MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN POINTS TO CONVERSION OF

SENATOR RIBICOFF ON QUESTION OF EMIGRATION, TRADE AND

CREDITS ISSUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AS RESULT OF VISIT  
TO MOSCOW AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE UTILITY OF GREATER CON-  
GRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT ON  
OTHER HAND, CONFUSION OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND LEGISLATURE IS CLEARLY DISASTROUS.

5. WP AND STAR , IN THEIR LOCAL SECTIONS, HAVE  
EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF OPENING OF THE HERMITAGE EXHIBIT  
AT NATIONAL GALLERY.

6. NYT (PAGE 1) "POLISH CROWDS HAIL FORD; MILITARY  
DETENTE STRESSED: IN COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO  
WARSAW POINTS UP MENTION OF MBFR TALKS IN JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE; ON PAGE 10 FLORA LEWIS HAS SEPARATE ARTICLE  
FROM PARIS ON THIS POINT.

7. CSM JOSEPH C. HARSCH COLUMN "MOSCOW'S SIDE OF  
CASE." SOVIET DETENTE EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT AVOIDING  
TWO-FRONT COMBINATION OF HOSTILE FORCES.

8. WP LES APIN COLUMN ON 'FIRST USE' OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS. CREATING MOST OF THE CONFUSION WAS A MIS-  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "FIRST USE"  
AND "FIRST STRIKE."

9. WSJ (PAGE 1) ROBERT KEATLY REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT  
FORD AND BREZHNEV HAVE EXTREMELY SERIOUS BUSINESS BEFORE  
THEM WHILE IN HELSINKI. ONE ITEM WILL BE THE EFFORT  
TO NARROW DIFFERENCES IN SALT WITH HOPE OF COMING  
CLOSER TO DRAFTING NEW TREATY TO CURB WEAPONS RACE. INGERSOLL

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